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PSC Approves Darien-Delavan Transmission Project

MADISON - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approved American Transmission Company's application to build a new transmission line between Darien and Delavan.

In a verbal decision, the Commission approved ATC's request to build a new 138 kilovolt transmission line connecting the West Darien Substation to a new distribution substation located southwest of Delavan in Walworth County. The Commission selected a 4.6 mile route that is farther away from homes and uses existing road, railroad or transmission line corridors for its entire length, which is less intrusive to the environment.

The transmission line will operate at 69 kilovolts for the next few years, with eventual operation at 138 kilovolts. The estimated total cost for this project is \$5,815,200.

The Commission has made it a priority to improve the state's transmission infrastructure as outlined in its Strategic Energy Assessment. The Darien-Delevan transmission project will help ensure reliability, reducing Wisconsin's transmission constraints, and increasing the capacity to share energy among consumers as we plan to meet our future power needs.

ATC filed its application on July 30, 2004, asking to replace aging facilities and construct a new 138 kilovolt electric transmission line from the West Darien Substation to a new distribution substation located southwest of Delavan in Walworth County. The written order will finalize the Commission's decision. PSC staff is expected to complete the written order within several weeks.

A public hearing was held November 11th in Darien regarding ATC's application. The testimony provided at the hearing became part of the record developed for the Commission to review as it considered all the aspects of the application. In making its decision, the Commission had the option to approve the application as submitted, modify the request or deny the application.

The documents associated with ATC's application can be viewed on our Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket #137-CE-117.

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